

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-01-06

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For Work Week Commencing: January 5, 2015
Commission Meeting: January 6, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of December 15, 2014

2. Out-of-state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval of the travel request for Robin Arnold to attend the Grid School 2015 program sponsored by Michigan State University's Institute of Public Utilities, March 9-12, 2015, in Chicago. Robin will make use of the stipend to attend Grid School that has been made available to each state commission that is a member of the Organization of MISO States. Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel request.

3. Out-of-state staff travel (Justin)

Staff requests approval for Tina Shorten to travel to Washington, DC, February 14 - 18, 2015, to attend the NARUC Winter Committee Meetings for the purpose of participating in the Consumer Affairs and Energy Resources and Environment meetings. Tina is an active member of both staff subcommittees. Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel request.

4. Dick Irvin, Inc. TN2623 (Brenda)

Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9392 to Irvin, Inc. & Mico, Inc. d/b/a I & T Transfer, Shelby, Montana for the period January 6, 2015 to January 6, 2016. Proposed Motion: Approve the continued lease of 9392 as applied for.

SUB F Class B - Property within the town of Fairfield, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town, and the transportation of building materials only within a distance not exceeding 150 miles in any direction from said town of Fairfield.
Limitation: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

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Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB M Class B - Property within the City of Conrad, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town.

Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini, or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2014.8.72 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application to Increase General Natural Gas Rates – Discuss and act on Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information regarding non-public financial information provided to the rating agencies which rate MDU's securities and non-public information about unregulated subsidiaries contained in MDU's consolidating balance sheet. (1/6/15)
2. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/6/15)
3. **1/7/15, 1/8/15, 1/9/15, at 8:30 a.m.** – Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills.(1/7/15, 1/8/15, 1/9/15, at 8:30 a.m., Bollinger Room – live webcast - not archived)

Other Meetings

1/5/15, 10:00 a.m. – Swearing-in ceremony for new commissioner Brad Johnson (Bollinger Room)

1/5/15, 2:00 p.m. – PSC organization meeting – Elect PSC chair and vice chair (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Bull Mountain Sanitation LLC T-15.1.PCN TA (Nickie)

Bull Mountain Sanitation LLC, Melstone, Montana is requesting temporary operating authority authorizing the following:

Class D – Garbage between all points and places in Musselshell County, Montana. LIMITATION: Service within the town of Roundup, Montana is prohibited.

The temporary authority application was accompanied by the required permanent authority request. Action on the temporary authority request is anticipated for January 13, 2015.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink D2014.11.91 (Gary)

On December 4, 2014 CenturyLink QC filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. D2014.11.91 – IN THE MATTER OF CenturyLink QC's Service Quality. CenturyLink wishes to protect certain information filed in response to PSC Data Request 01. The information includes broadband service speeds by census block and sensitive capital investment data by project by exchange.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 (Jason)

On December 22, 2014, Siemens Energy, Inc. (Siemens) filed a Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support to protect as trade secret certain information to be filed in these Dockets. Specifically, Siemens seeks to protect technical and repair information, repair plans, and industry expertise that Siemens and NorthWestern Corporation agreed to protect from disclosure. This information appears in the "Root Cause Analysis" and other documents discussing the costs and repair process, timelines and milestones, and technical aspects of Siemens' services.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2014.12.98 - Black Hills Corporation - Application for Authority to Establish a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2014.12.99 - Liberty Utilities Co. - Joint Application for Approval of a Sale and Transfer of Stock